



Blessed Robert Grissold Catholic Church, Balsall Common

16th February 2025, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich"

The Pope's Prayer Intention: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Fr Frank: *We were made by God and created for God - to know him and love him forever. So we are happy now if we are poor - poor in the sense of knowing our poverty with regard to the riches of the life for which God has created us. We are happy because this knowledge of our poverty allows us to realise our absolute need of God which leads us to turn to him in trust - trusting in his power to save us. And God does not disappoint those who turn to him in trust.*

Todays Readings and responses: Today's readings and responses are on Pages 139-141 of the Parish Mass Book. Today's Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis Church, Baddesley Clinton, or by arrangement.

Last week's Collections: Loose plate/Envelopes £63.42, Standing Orders £374, Total £437.42. 2nd Collection for Life from 2nd February £85.55.

Weekday mass: this week at Blessed Robert Grissold at 7pm. Intention: Martin Sheehy (RIP)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will follow the 7pm Tuesday Mass at Blessed Robert Grissold every first Tuesday of the month, and at St Francis after the 9am Mass on Thursdays each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction. All welcome.

First Holy Communion: Any parents with children aged 7 or above wishing to make their First Holy Communion should contact either Father Frank, Chris Mitchell or Eileen Selby.

Recently deceased: Jim Flynn (RIP), brother of Anne Stewart, passed away this week. Please remember Jim and his family and friends in your prayers.

Parish Prayer Group: A Parish Prayer Group is now meeting **every Thursday** in the Parish Hall from **4-5pm**. Everyone welcome.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

Churches Together Coffee Mornings: Churches Together are running Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30am-Midday at the Jubilee Centre on Station Road. Each month a different congregation acts as host. Upcoming dates and host congregations are: 1st March (St Marys Temple Balsall), 5th April (St John the Baptist Berkswell), 3rd May (Methodist Church), 7th June (St Peters). All welcome.

Churches Together Lenten Talks 2025: Saturdays during Lent from 8:45-10am, with refreshments. Venue: Methodist Church, Station Road. This year's subject is the Council of Nicaea. All welcome. Dates and organisers: 8th March (Methodist Church), 15th March (St Peters), 22nd March (St Marys Temple Balsall), 29th March (St John the Baptist Berkswell), Saturday 5th April (Blessed Robert Grissold). Donations welcome.

Congratulations to two of our younger parishioners, Emmy Chesshire-Ramon and Felicia Stinner, who have both recently received the Lions Young Leaders in Service Silver Award for work in our local community. Well done to both of you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th 30th May 2025: In this Year of Jubilee, Archbishop Bernard invites all to join in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims. To lodge and expression of interest or obtain more information visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three

days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Anniversaries this week: Josie Quinn, Frank McArle, Samuel & Ruth Carter, Patrick Casey, Catherine Utteridge, Desmond Martin, Winifred Ruane and Mary Restall.

Parish Office: Sara's normal parish office hours are Wednesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm.

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and their carers: Maggie Ellis, Maureen Carroll and Joan McLean.

If you would like someone to be named on our list of those who are sick, please contact David Green (david.monica@btopenworld.com) or complete the online form (under Parish Life) on our web site.

Notices for the Bulletin: Please email all notices for the bulletin to David Green by 7.00 pm on Thursday at david.monica@btopenworld.com

This Week's Sunday Mass and Rota Arrangements at Blessed Robert Grissold

Date & Time:	16 th February 9.30am	23 rd February 9.30am
Day:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant:	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank
Intention:	The deceased members of the Slattery Family (RIP)	Desmond Orr (RIP)
Wardens:	Godfery Chesshire/ Aidir Parizze/LyndaLeigh	Christine Horner/ Ann Dodd
Reader:	Nigel Parker	Felicia Geppert
Tea & Coffee:	Chris Lynn & Mary Sharp	Madeleine Peat & Nuala Fulham
Flowers:	Anisha Mathias	Anisha Mathias
Counting:	Stefan Hunka & Ken Higgins	Chris Lynn & Mike Fairbrother
Music:	Björn Stinner	Linda Chesshire
Church Cleaning:	Christine Plater & Nuala Fulham	Claire & Charles Keane
Altar Linen:	Louise Perry	Louise Perry
Children's Liturgy:	None this week (Half Term)	None this week (Half Term)

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Monica Green. She can be contacted at: sg.brg.balsallcommon@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Priest: Revd. Father Frank Smith. Tel: 07512 100908

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No. 234216.

Parish website: www.brgparish.org.uk

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